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N4XX PROPAGATION FORECAST - AUG

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
7-BN	8-HN	9-LN	3-LN	4-LN	5-LN	6-LN
14-LN	15-LN/BN	16-BN/DIS	10-BN	11-LN	12-BN	13-LN

Legend: AN, HN, LN, BN = Above, High, Low, Below Normal. DIS = Disturbed.

N4XX is on vacation. In his absence, George Jacobs, W3ASK, the renowned propagation expert and close associate of Dr. Ted Cohen, kindly calculated the forecast for this Issue. During the week of July 17th an unexpected combination of geomagnetic disturbances which lasted for five days, just about wiped-out long haul propagation and took its toll on several of the DX goodies that were otherwise available. There were interim periods when it seemed as though the DX windows were suddenly opened and just as quickly closed for very brief glimpses of ZK1BA, ZM7MM, VR4, VS6, etc. Then, the expected Above Normal weekend of July 23rd was hit by another disturbance. Alas and alack, we will have to struggle again with more marginal to bad days during the next two weeks. Up and at 'em, Tigers!

ASCENSION ISLAND - Whether you are a CW buff or an SSB adherent, in any band from 28 to 3.5 MHz, there will be a ZD8 to satisfy your need. On CW: ZD8CD, Chris - ZD8DO, Dave - ZD8EW, Eric - ZD8RR, Roy and ZD8TM, Tom. ON SSB: ZD8AB, Al - ZD8AWG, Andy - ZD8KF, Earl and ZD8PA, Paul.

CHAD - Please! Don't ever let it be known that your DXCC lacks TT on 20. TT8SM, Jack, is in there almost every day from 2000 UTC, sometimes for 4 or 5 hours, still rockbound near 14,237 KHz. QSL via WB5OOE is quick-quick!

COOK ISLANDS - ZK1BA nightly after 0400 UTC and ZK1DR on Tuesdays after 0500 UTC. Both in the 14,260 to 14,285 KHz segment.

GABON - TR8GB likes 14,220 KHz most days from 2000 UTC. QSL to Box 2134, Libreville.

MADEIRA ISLANDS - CT3BQ (OZ1LO) will be active 9-22 Aug., CW, 10 thru 80 meters.

MARCUS ISLAND - JA1IEV and JA8AON will be QRV with JD1 suffixes for about 3 months beginning next week. Principally a much needed CW operation, they will be giving a lot of attention to European and East Coast USA DXers on 1.9, 7 and 14 MHz. QSL via JA8JL. Also, KA6KJ sends word confirming his plans to be there from 18 to 25 August for an all-bands CW and SSB attack using 3 1KW rigs and 2-element quads.

MOROCCO - CN8CW, who is usually near 14,220 KHz for a few hours beginning at 1800 UTC, has started to seek new pastures on 21,400 KHz from 2200 UTC. Bill is also giving his new QSL address as P O Box 85, FPO NY 09544.

NEW CALEDONIA - To avoid those horrendous pileups on the several FK8's at the low end of the 20-meter phone band, do it the easy way with reliable FK8KAA - always on 14,291 KHz from 0600 UTC. QSL to Box 20, Noumea.

PITCAIRN ISLAND - Happy Hour! Tom Christian, VR6TC, now sticks around for an hour or more after his weekly schedule with W2AIM and works all comers. Catch him on 21,352 KHz (plus or minus a couple), Tuesdays from 0001 to 0115 UTC.

RUSSIAN ROULETTE a la CW - You say you need a few USSR prefixes on CW? How about these on a daily basis: UD6's DFD and DFK, 14,010/030 KHz, 2200-0200 UTC. UG6GAG, 21,030 KHz after 2000 UTC. UH8's BAU, BZ and DU, 14,025/035 KHz after 0001 UTC for three or four hours. UI8AAX, anywhere between 14,026 and 14,040 KHz after 0001 UTC. UK6KAA marks 14,021 KHz from 0200 UTC.

MORE CW - Spot A7XA in Qatar near 14,057 KHz daily from 2000 to 2030 UTC. QSL via DJ9ZB. OD5LX in Lebanon moves between 14,003 and 14,030 KHz nearly every day from

0100 to 0200 UTC. P29EJ in Papua-New Guinea stays near 14,035 KHz after 0800 UTC. SU's on CW have not been too plentiful but now you can snag OH6NO/SU on 14,005 every time your clock reaches 2330 UTC. St. Helena Island, with ZD7PV, is a regular dweller on 21,033 KHz after 2000 UTC. QSL to Box 8, Jamestown. Even SV1DO is pounding brass these days - 14,040 KHz from 2130 UTC. QSL to 14 Diacoy St., Athens 457.

ST. PETER ISLAND - That IJ7EX DXpedition was variously reported in the DX community. Whether or not an offshore island under the control of the Italian Navy will qualify as a new "Country", remains moot. However, if you are interested in the correct QSL route, it is I7VCA, P O Box 1, 70100 Bari, Italy.

SOLOMON ISLANDS - VR4BT, on both CW and SSB with a new Kenwood 200-watter feeding a sloping dipole, can usually be found on 20 meters during our wee hours; ordinarily pounding brass near 14,050 KHz.

TOKELAUS - Not only did we enjoy working ZM7MM, it was a treat to listen to Mike for an hour thereafter as he humorously jibed the pileup offenders while maintaining exceptional control of the situation. Like when he had been working the USA "split" from 14,185 KHz and then announced that he would listen for Europeans on his frequency, we heard: "The W1 calling me here on SSB. You're 15 kc out of the band but if you'd like me to work you here I'll be happy to do so." and "The WB9 on CW, you're 599. You know I asked for Europe only. If you are in Europe, please give me your Country suffix so I can address your QSL card properly. If you're at home, I have you logged on my "Bad List" and you'll never get a contact with me." Earlier he was on 14,275 KHz, working by Districts. He asked for WØ's but a W5 kept calling loud and long. Mike said, "WØ - - -, this is ZM7MM. You are 5-9 plus. QSL?" The W5 came back, "I'm W5 - - -, one two three four five, W5 - - -, over." Mike replied, "Gotcha. OK WØ - - -, you're in the log. 73. QRZ more WØ's." No fuss! No muss! Everybody got the message! QSL ZM7AT and ZM7MM via W6FWX.

XO1 and XO2 will replace VO1 and VO2 for the month of August only.

LIDXA FLASH CARD SERVICE - Agreed! We have been remiss in not tooting our horn about our Flash Card Service. So, in response to all the recent inquiries, here's what it's all about:

As you know, there are frequent occasions when last-minute situations either advance or delay the start of operations from some choice DX location. Quite often, the individual or team making the trip puts out the news at the last possible moment... and then there's the case of the person heading for an exotic spot, who suddenly decides to tote some ham gear. If the news is coincident with an LIDXA Bulletin publication date, great! ... but if the news arrives between Issues, we will get it to you immediately via a postcard.

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We haven't talked with W6YO aboard the Yankee Trader lately but he should be nearing the string of interesting DX ports announced earlier. Please listen for him in the 14,260/280 KHz region and let us know his planned itinerary. Tnx.

MARKET REEF, OJØ, may well be relegated to the category of "scarce" DXCC locations. Its lighthouse has been automated, thereby eliminating the need for an attendant (who, in the past has usually been a Ham ... such as OJØNA - now back in OHØ-land).

FINALE - Stay alert for possible multiple Mayotte (FHØ) activity this month. ... DXCC status unaffected by independence of FL8 but new J28 callsigns have been issued.

73 de W2IYX

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